GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO PILOTS ABOUT CAT- III ILS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether a small percentage of domestic pilots know, how to use the CAT-III Instrument Landing System (ILS) which was installed at Delhi Airport three years ago;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government has taken any action against the airlines which have fialed to train those pilots about this system ;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for safe landing and takeoff of planes during the winter season?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- In the domestic sector, only Indian Airlines Ltd. have trained their pilots for CAT-III operations. Out of 683 Pilots (including trainees), Indian Airlines have approved 146 (21.37%) pilots for Cat-III Operations.

(c) and (d):- It is for the respective Airline Operator to train their pilots for ILS CAT-II/III operations as per their requirements. However, Airline Operators are persuaded from time to time to train their pilots for ILS CAT-II/III operations. It is also insisted upon Airlines that Instructor/Examiner should be CAT II/III approved so that they, in turn, can train maximum number of pilots for CAT-II/III operations.

(e):- The Director Genral of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued guidelines for aircraft operations during low visibility conditions and has drawn up the schedule of airlines during the low visibility period taking into consideration the number of CAT-II/III trained pilots available with the airlines. The airport operator has introduced new taxiways, is commissioning additional parking stands, new generation `follow-me` vehicles with high intensity flashing lights, R/T sets for communication etc. to facilitate operations during low visibility conditions. Ministry of Civil Aviation has reviewed the preparedness of all airlines and Airport operator for low visibility operations on 9.11.2006.